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UK HOMEPAGE

Polar vortex brings 'dangerous cold' to US

Freeze extends from Montana to southern Florida, stranding travellers and sending energy demand soaring with forecast temperatures up to 20C below average

US oil boom drives trade deficit to four-year low

Goldman shakes up prized tech banking team

VIDEO

Samsung earnings miss forecasts

Samsung Electronics has estimated that fourth-quarter earnings missed analysts' forecasts. Head of Lex Robert Armstrong talks to Simon Mundy, Seoul correspondent, about the earnings report



US HOMEPAGE

Ford chief Mulally scotches Microsoft talk

Statement by Mulally is aimed at ending months of speculation that he might take over from Steve Ballmer, the departing Microsoft chief executive

JPMorgan sets record with Madoff payment

Global growth hopes fuel Asia stock rise

EUROPE HOMEPAGE

Eurozone periphery borrowing costs fall

Surge in investor demand for Irish government bonds allows Dublin to raise almost half its funding target for this year

Sony plans US launch of 'cloud' TV service

Gates hits out at Obama foreign policy

ASIA HOMEPAGE

China's little emperors' reality TV check

A hit show focusing on toddlers and fathers taps into middle-class angst over the way the country is bringing up a second generation of only children

Yahoo unveils new ad platforms

Companies ride wave of bond issuance

WORLD NEWS

Senate advances jobless benefits bill

Success was far from certain before procedural vote and showed last-ditch effort by White House to woo wavering Republicans bore fruit

Spanish infanta named in fraud probe

Bangladesh garment trade warns on unrest

Bundesbank warns over Bitcoin risk

Champion Carlsen brings glamour to chess

COMPANIES NEWS

Apple's App store sales soar to \$10bn

Google's Play accounted for 37% of spending on apps in November, compared with 63% in the Apple store, according to research firm Distimo

CES 2014 Watch – January 7

Swiss ready to pare back investment banks further

Blackstone builds Indian real estate empire

Panama Canal Authority seeks to end dispute

MARKETS

US investment case remains compelling

Quality risk assets and dollar havens are major US attractions and the notion of a debilitating decline will be recognised as seriously overdone in 2014

Forex trading volumes shrink sharply

Lower 2014 returns for Europe junk bonds

Convertibles perk up China's limp markets

Investors begin 2014 with contrarian bets

COMMENT

The return of dynastic wealth

In any society that is willing to tolerate redistribution via estate duties and inheritance taxes, falling growth is a reason to increase them

Coastal living should be at your own risk

A futile move to revive the Soviet empire

Silicon Valley no longer reigns supreme

The poverty of US political journalism

MANAGEMENT

Car dealer with fast acceleration

A serious illness and a takeover set Robert Forrester on the road to founding Vertu Motors, the UK's sixth-biggest motor retailer

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